

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this Amendment After Final Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and reconsider the application as amended for allowance. Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments place the claims in condition for allowance and/or in better condition for appeal. The following remarks are responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 12, 2005.

Office Action Rejections Summary

Claims 1-2 and 7-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,773,994 of Jones ("Jones").

Claim 3 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 4-6 have been allowed. Therefore the following remarks are directed to the objected and rejected claims.

Status of Claims

Claims 3-6 are pending in the application. Claim 3 has been amended. No claims have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-2 and 7-10 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-2 and 7-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Jones. It is submitted that claims 1-2 and 7-10 have been canceled and, therefore, the rejection with respect to claims 1-2 and 7-10 is moot.

Claim 3 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 3 has been amended to be rewritten in independent format to include all the limitations of its original base claim 1 and intervening claim 2. Therefore, it is submitted that claim 3 is in condition for allowance.

In conclusion, applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendments set forth herein, the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome.

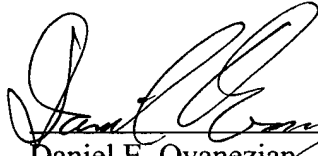
If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Daniel Ovanezian at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Dated: 6/7, 2005


Daniel E. Ovanezian
Registration No. 41,236

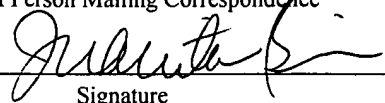
12400 Wilshire Boulevard
Seventh Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1026
(408) 720-8300

FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

on 6/7/05
Date of Deposit

JUANITA BRISCOE
Name of Person Mailing Correspondence


Signature

6/7/05
Date